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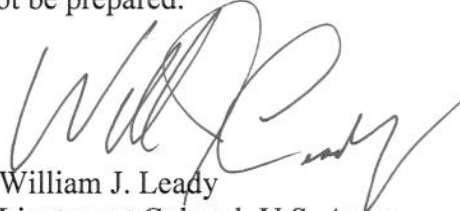
**DREDGED MATERIAL DISPOSAL FACILITY AT JONES ISLAND CDF
MILWAUKEE HARBOR, WISCONSIN**

The Corps of Engineers is proposing to construct a Dredged Material Disposal Facility (DMDF) for disposal of sediments from maintenance of the Milwaukee Harbor Federal Navigation Project. The selected alternative proposes the continued use of the Milwaukee Harbor (Jones Island) Confined Disposal Facility (CDF) site, tiering a DMDF on top of it. The facility would accommodate, at a minimum, 20-years of dredged material, which is approximately 510,000 cubic yards. The DMDF would consist of a raised perimeter dike offset from the existing dikes of the CDF. Alternatives to the proposed DMDF include constructing a DMDF adjacent to the Jones Island facility, open water placement, beach nourishment and the no action alternative.

The proposed project would not result in any significant cumulative or long-term adverse environmental effects. The DMDF has been designed to adequately isolate and contain contaminated dredged material. There would be a permanent increase in the height of the Jones Island facility profile. Construction of the facility would be localized and confined to the immediate vicinity within an area that is remote and currently operated as a disposal facility. Environmental consequences of periodic disposal activity would be local in scope, of minor magnitude and a continuation of ongoing harbor operation and maintenance practices. Project benefits include continued maintenance of Milwaukee Harbor and the continued economic benefits associated with it. An Environmental Assessment (EA), *Dredged Material Disposal Facility at Jones Island CDF, Milwaukee Harbor, Wisconsin* was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. This EA along with The *Milwaukee Harbor Draft Dredged Material Management Plan* Study document were made available for agency and public review November 25, 2007.

Review of the proposed Dredged Material Disposal Facility at Jones Island CDF project plan and a single positive public review comment indicate that the proposed base plan action does not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the human environment; therefore, an environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

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